THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) During each of the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 expenditure of Rs. 237.99 lakhs, Rs. 149.77 lakhs and Rs. 65.12 lakhs respectively was incurred.

(b) and (c) The Potteru Irrigation Project in Orissa is under execution. It is likely to be completed by 1996. As its revised project estimates are yet to be sanctioned, Central expenditure under the Dandakaranya Scheme during the last three years has been only on making good the deficienies identified in the assets of the Dandakaranya Project, already trasferred to the States.

Assistance from Asian Development Bank for Coal Handling Project at Paradip Port

*517. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has offered any assistance for the implementation of the Coal Handling Project at the Paradip Port; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Asian Development Bank have expressed their willingness to provide a loan of $ 285 million for Paradip-Ennore Coal Transportation Project which includes $ 134.85 million for creation of mechanised coal handling facilities at Paradip Port.

Operation of RETINITIES PIGMENTESA

*518. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of successful operation of RETINITIES PIGMENTESA by the doctors of Apollo Eye Institute Hyderabad;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of success of this operation;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start this kind of operation at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthelmic Sciences, New Delhi;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (e): Retinitis Pigmentosa is a hereditary disease leading to abnormal pigmentation of the ratine. The Apollo Eye Research Institute, Hyderabad has been offering medial and surgical treatment for this disease designed at a Medical complex at Moscow; they nave claimed significant improvement in about 25 per cent of the cases treated by them.

The Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences of AIIMS, New Delhi has no proposal to introduce a similar line of treatment as according to them no published data in English is available covering the technical aspects of operation of its success rate.

आपातकालीन अस्पतालों की स्थापना

*519. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली में सड़कों पर निरंतर बढ़ते यातायात को ध्यान में रखते हुए दुर्घटनाग्रस्त व्यक्ति को तुरन्त उठाकर उसे चिकित्सा के लिए विशेष रूप से बनाए गए आपातकालीन अस्पतालों में पहुंचने को किसी योजना पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो ऐसे आपातकालीन अस्पतालों की स्थापना कब तक कर लिए जाने की सम्भावना है ?